

Associate Fellowship Program



Program Objectives

The National Library of Medicine® (NLM®) Associate Fellowship Program is a one-year postgraduate training fellowship at NLM in Bethesda, MD, with an optional second year at a biomedical library outside of NLM. The program is designed to provide a foundation for future leadership roles in health sciences libraries. Associate Fellows are introduced to a wide range of technologies and skills used in managing information at a national library. The program provides an opportunity to:

- Gain exposure to and experience in many of the concepts, skills, and technologies that are shaping the future of the library and information fields.
- Explore the role of research and development activities in providing biomedical information services to the health professions.
- Examine current issues and trends affecting the library and information fields.
- Prepare for future leadership roles in traditional and nontraditional settings in the fields of librarianship and information science.

Eligibility Requirements

The NLM Associate Fellowship Program is open to U.S. and Canadian library/information professionals, as well as graduate students completing their degrees. The qualification requirements are:

- Master's degree in an ALA-approved library/information science program, earned by August of the year of appointment.
- United States citizenship. Note: Canadians with ALA accredited Master's degrees may use the same application process as U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens will receive first preference.
- Experience is desirable, but not essential.

The application deadline occurs in February of each year. The Program runs from September of each year through August of the following year with a stipend at the Federal Government GS-9 level for the Washington DC area (\$50,408 in 2009).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NLM
OR THE FELLOWSHIP**

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